

# Stewart County Board of Commissioners

Work Session Minutes  
December 3, 2024 – 4:30 PM

The Stewart County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session on December 3, 2024. The meeting convened at 4:30 PM at the Stewart County Courthouse with Vice Chair Arcola Scott presiding.

## Roll Call

### Commissioners in attendance:

Vice Chair Arcola Scott  
Commissioner Tyrone Nelson  
Commissioner Tom Mayo

### Commissioner not in attendance:

Commissioner Joe Lee Williams

### Other Staff in Attendance:

Mac Moye (County Manager)  
Carole Stewart (County Clerk)

## Items Discussed:

- A. 2025 SPLOST
- B. Wims Center
- C. Library Board
- D. Trash Dumpsters
- E. Renfroe Road and Moore's Store Rd culverts

## Commissioners' Comments - none

Commissioner Thomas Mayo moved to adjourn work session meeting; seconded by Commissioner Tyrone Nelson. All were in favor and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 PM.

  
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Carole Stewart, Clerk

  
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Arcola Scott, Vice Chair

**Stewart County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2024 – 4:30 PM**

The Stewart County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on December 10, 2024. The meeting convened at 4:30 PM at the Stewart County Courthouse with Vice Chair Arcola Scott presiding.

**Pledge of Allegiance** – in unison

**Roll Call**

Commissioners in attendance:

Vice-Chair Arcola Scott  
Commissioner Joe Lee Williams  
Commissioner Tyrone Nelson  
Commissioner Thomas Mayo  
Commissioner MaQuonzie Thomas

Other Staff in Attendance:

Mac Moye, County Manager  
Carole Stewart, County Clerk  
Bin Minter, County Attorney

Vice Chair Arcola Scott welcomed newly elected Commissioner MaQuonzie Thomas to the Board.

**Reading and Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner Joe Lee Williams moved to approve the November 12, 2024 Public Hearing minutes, the November 12, 2024 regular session minutes, and the December 3, 2024 Work Session minutes; seconded by Commissioner Thomas Mayo. Vice Chair Arcola Scott, Commissioner Joe Lee Williams, Commissioner Tyrone Nelson, and Commissioner Thomas Mayo all voted in favor with newly elected Commissioner MaQuonzie Thomas abstaining. Motion carried.

**Public Appearance:**

**A. Murphy Talmadge** – The Board of Commissioners heard from Applicant Providence Canyon Ranch, LLC on its application to rezone 278 acres owned by Providence Canyon Ranch, LLC, identified as Parcel # 027 007, from its current zoning district designation, A-1 (General Agricultural and Forestry District) to PUD (Planned Unit development District). The County Attorney confirmed that a duly noticed hearing had been held before the Planning and Zoning Board on November 25, 2024, and he conveyed the recommendation of the Zoning and Planning Board to approve the application. A Motion was made by Commissioner Joe Lee Williams to approve the application. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Tyrone Nelson. All voted in favor and motion carried.

**Applicant:** Providence Canyon Ranch LLC  
**Location of Property:** Parcel # 027 007- Lumpkin, GA (278 acres)  
**Current Zoning:** A-1 (General Agricultural and Forestry District)  
**Request:** Change Zoning to PUD (Planned Unit Development District)  
**Total Acreage:** 278 acres  
**Proposed Use of Property:** Resort/ Camp

**Administrative Matters:**

- A. 2025 Budget** – Commissioner Joe Lee Williams moved to approve the 2025 Budget for \$6,238,435.18; seconded by Commissioner Tyrone Nelson. All voted in favor and motion carried.
- B. 2025 Holiday Schedule** – Commissioner Joe Lee Williams moved to approve the 2025 Holiday schedule; seconded by Vice Chair Arcola Scott. All voted in favor and motion carried.
- C. 2025 Commissioner Workshop and Meeting Schedule** – Vice Chair Arcola Scott moved to approve the 2025 Commissioner Workshop and Meeting Schedule; seconded by Commissioner Joe Lee Williams. All voted in favor and motion carried.
- D. Appointment to the Pataula Advisory Board** – Tabled to January 14, 2025 Regular Meeting.
- E. Appointment to Library Board** – Commissioner Joe Lee Williams moved to appoint Gussie Thomas to the Stewart County Library Board; seconded by Commissioner Tyrone Nelson. All voted in favor and motion carried.
- F. Tommy Bishop Resignation from Housing Authority** – Commissioner Joe Lee Williams moved to accept the resignation of Tommy Bishop from the Housing Authority; seconded by Commissioner Thomas Mayo. All voted in favor and motion carried.
- G. 2025 SPLOST** – Vice Chair Arcola Scott moved to enter into the intergovernmental agreement between the county and the cities of Lumpkin and Richland; seconded by Commissioner Thomas Mayo. All voted in favor and motion carried.

**Reports:**

- A. Financial Report** – Commissioner Joe Lee Williams moved to accept the November 2024 financial reports; seconded by Commissioner Thomas Mayo. All voted in favor and motion carried.
- B. Road Superintendent** – County Manager Mac Moye provided November 2024 Road Department report in conjunction with his County Manager report.
- C. Public Safety Director** – Public Safety Administrator Greg Stewart presented the November 2024 EMS report. Also presented the Pre Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant.
- D. County Attorney** – County Attorney Bin Minter provided a report on legal topics pertinent to the county for the commission to review. Commissioner Joe Lee Williams moved to opt in on House Bill 581; seconded by Vice Chair Arcola Scott.

All voted in favor and motion carried. Topic will be placed on January 14, 2025 Regular Meeting.

- E. County Manager** – County Manager Mac Moyer provided his report on topics pertinent to the county for November 12, 2024 – December 10, 2024. Also provided an addendum with updated information on 3 candidates for heavy equipment operators. Commissioner Joe Lee Williams moved to approve the \$925.00 costs to the county for the reprint of county road maps by the Sheriff Office; seconded by Commissioner Tyrone Nelson. All voted in favor and motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- A. Renfro Road and Moore's Store Road culverts** – discussed during road report/County Manager report

**New Business:**

- A. Renaming of Camp Road to Haynes Road** – Tabled to January 14, 2025 Regular Meeting.
- B. Recreation Group** – Vice Chair Arcola Scott asked Reverend Jordan to approach the Commission. She then addressed the issue of housekeeping at the Wims Center gym by the recreation group during their practice nights. Vice Chair moved to charge a rental fee of \$300 for use of the Auditorium and a fee of \$500 for use of the Auditorium and Gym; seconded by Commissioner Joe Lee Williams. All voted in favor and motion carried.

**Commissioner Comments:**

**Commissioner Thomas Mayo** – Privilege to serve on the Board these past 4 years. We've lost 2 good men this year. I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

**Commissioner Joe Lee Williams** – none

**Commissioner Tyrone Nelson** – none

**Commissioner MaQuonzie Thomas** - none

**Vice Chair Arcola Scott** – It is a privilege to serve, and I'd like to also wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Joe Lee Williams moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Tyrone Nelson. All voted in favor and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

  
Carole B. Stewart, County Clerk

  
Arcola Scott, Vice Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-1210

**A RESOLUTION OF THE STEWART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PROVIDING FOR A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1,  
2025 AND REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT WITH THIS  
RESOLUTION.**

WHEREAS, under O.C.G.A. § 36-81-2, a “budget” is “a plan of financial operation embodying an estimate of proposed expenditures during a budget period and the proposed means of financing them”; and

WHEREAS, under O.C.G.A. § 36-81-3, the governing authority of Stewart County, the Stewart County Board of Commissioners (the “County”), must approve an annual balanced budget for the general fund, each special revenue fund, and each debt service fund in use by the local government; and

WHEREAS, under Article I, Section 16 of the Stewart County Code of Ordinances (1995 Georgia House Bill 1902, approved by the Governor and made effective April 4, 1996), “No expenditures of county funds shall be made except in accordance with the county budget, or amendments thereto, adopted by the board of commissioners. The chairperson of the board of commissioners shall enforce compliance with this provision by all departments of county government and to this end shall institute a system of allotments of all moneys appropriated and budgeted”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-81-2, 36-81-4, and 36-81-5, the County has appointed the office of County Manager to serve at the County’s budget officer responsible for preparing a proposed annual budget for the County and has authorized the office of County Manager to approve transfers of appropriations within departmental budgets (and thus below the legal level of control as that term is defined under O.C.G.A. § 36-81-2), except for transfers within a department to or from salaries and benefits accounts, to or from fixed assets, or transfers to any travel or training account; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager has submitted a proposed budget for review by the County, and

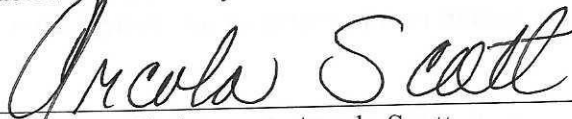
WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has complied with O.C.G.A. § 36-81-5, which sets out the requirements established by the General Assembly for the State of Georgia for the adoption of budgets by local governments; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration and after a public hearing, the Stewart County Board of Commissioners intends to adopt the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025, to provide for necessary services in cost-efficient manner; and

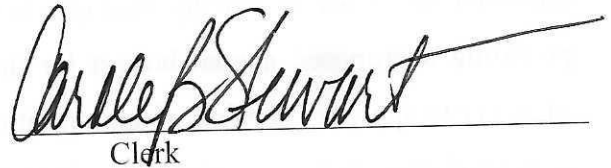
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stewart County Board of Commissioners, and be it ordained by authority of the same, effective immediately upon passage, as follows:

- 1) The annual budget for Stewart County, Georgia for the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, in the amount of **\$6,238,435.18** as set forth in a copy of the budget attached to this Resolution as "Exhibit A", is adopted.
- 2) All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Enacted this 10th day of December, 2024.



Vice Chairperson Arcola Scott  
Board of Commissioners  
Stewart County, Georgia

  
Clerk